



February 24, 2014

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## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION No. 9

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DIGEST OF SJ 9 (Updated February 24, 2014 11:38 am - DI 84)

**Citations Affected:** Article 1 of the Constitution of the State of Indiana.

**Synopsis:** Right to hunt, fish, and harvest wildlife. Provides that the right to hunt, fish, and harvest wildlife is a valued part of Indiana's heritage and shall be forever preserved for the public good. Provides that the people have a right, which includes the right to use traditional methods, to hunt, fish, and harvest wildlife, subject only to the laws prescribed by the general assembly and rules prescribed by virtue of the authority of the general assembly to: (1) promote wildlife conservation and management; and (2) preserve the future of hunting and fishing. Provides that hunting and fishing are the preferred means of managing and controlling wildlife. Provides that this constitutional amendment does not limit the application of any laws relating to trespass or property rights. This proposed amendment has not been agreed to by the previous general assembly.

**Effective:** This proposed amendment must be agreed to by two consecutive general assemblies and ratified by a majority of the state's voters voting on the question to be effective.

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### Steele, Yoder, Kruse

(HOUSE SPONSORS — MESSMER, EBERHART, VANNATTER)

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January 9, 2014, read first time and referred to Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources.

January 28, 2014, reported favorably — Do Pass.

January 30, 2014 read second time, ordered engrossed.

January 31, 2014 engrossed.

February 3, 2014, read third time, passed Yeas 43, nays 4.

#### HOUSE ACTION

February 10, 2014, read first time and referred to Committee on Judiciary.

February 24, 2014, reported — Do Pass

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Second Regular Session 118th General Assembly (2014)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2013 Regular Session and 2013 First Regular Technical Session of the General Assembly.

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A JOINT RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to Article 1 of the Constitution of the State of Indiana concerning natural and cultural resources.

*Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1 SECTION 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of the
- 2 State of Indiana is proposed and agreed to by this, the One Hundred
- 3 Eighteenth General Assembly of the State of Indiana, and is referred to
- 4 the next General Assembly for reconsideration and agreement.
- 5 SECTION 2. ARTICLE 1 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE
- 6 STATE OF INDIANA IS AMENDED BY ADDING A **NEW**
- 7 SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS: **Section 39. (a) The right to**
- 8 **hunt, fish, and harvest wildlife:**
- 9 **(1) is a valued part of Indiana's heritage; and**
- 10 **(2) shall be forever preserved for the public good.**
- 11 **(b) The people have a right, which includes the right to use**
- 12 **traditional methods, to hunt, fish, and harvest wildlife, subject only**
- 13 **to the laws prescribed by the General Assembly and rules**

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- 1       prescribed by virtue of the authority of the General Assembly to:  
2               (1) promote wildlife conservation and management; and  
3               (2) preserve the future of hunting and fishing.  
4               (c) Hunting and fishing shall be a preferred means of managing  
5       and controlling wildlife.  
6               (d) This section shall not be construed to limit the application of  
7       any provision of law relating to trespass or property rights.

